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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: BOTSWANA COMPLAINT

1. GOVERNOR SCRANTON MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT DURING  
THE JANUARY 13 SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE BOTSWANA COM-  
PLAINT:

QUOTE: BEGIN TEXT.

FIRST, MR. PRESIDENT, I WISH TO CONGRATULATE YOU WHOLE-  
HEARTEDLY ON YOUR PRESIDENCY OF THIS IMPORTANT BODY,  
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AND TO ASSURE YOU OF MY DELEGATION'S COOPERATION WITH  
YOUR LEADERSHIP. AS I MENTIONED IN OUR RECENT CONSULTATIONS,  
I WILL REMEMBER YOUR WORK AT CAMP DAVID, AT THE TIME OF  
THE FAMOUS "SPIRIT OF CAMP DAVID", AND THE REPUTATION THAT  
YOU HAD THEN AND NOW -- OF NOT ONLY BEING AN ASSIDUOUS  
AND EFFECTIVE HARD-WORKER, BUT AN OUTSTANDING LINGUIST  
WHO NOT ONLY SPEAKS ENGLISH BETTER THAN MANY OF THE ENGLISH

BUT ALSO OUR AMERICAN VERNACULAR BETTER THAN WE "WARPERS"  
OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

LIKEWISE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK AMBASSADOR DATCU FOR  
HIS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP DURING HIS PRESIDENCY OF THIS  
BODY IN DECEMBER. THOUGH I HAVE BEEN IN THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL BUT A SHORT TIME, NO ONE HAS GIVEN US MORE  
EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP THAN AMBASSADOR DATCU AND, AS I  
HAVE TOLD HIM PERSONALLY, HIS SUPERVISION OF THE RECENT  
ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS TRULY REMARKABLE;  
EVEN IN MY HOME CONSTITUENCY IN PENNSYLVANIA, SUCH AN  
ELECTION WOULD PROBABLY HAVE RESULTED IN AT LEAST SIXTEEN  
VOTES.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL, OUR FRIENDS FROM CANADA, THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, INDIA, MAURITIUS, AND VENEZUELA.  
WE ALL KNOW THAT THEY WILL ADD ENORMOUSLY TO THE EFFECTIVE-  
NESS OF THIS BODY IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

I CANNOT OVERLOOK COMMENTING ON THOSE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT  
THIS BODY. AMBASSADORS JACKSON, VINCI, ABE, SALIM,  
AND BYDBECK ARE ALL OUTSTANDING MEN AND DIPLOMATS  
AND SERVED BOTH THEIR COUNTRIES AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL  
ITSELF, MOST MERITORIOUSLY.  
ONE PERSONAL COMMENT ABOUT THE CHANGE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE:  
HAVING BEEN SEATED NEXT TO MY FRIEND SALIM AND JUST ONE  
AWAY FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARD, I HAVE NOTICED A PROFOUND  
DIFFERENCE NOW. THAT PROFUSION OF PACIFYING PERFUMERY  
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PERPETRATED BY THEIR PRESTIGIOUS SPECIES OF POLLUTION --  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THEIR CIGARS -- SEEMS TO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

NOW, MR. PRESIDENT, WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY  
BEFORE US. THE REAL SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND TO MANY  
OTHER PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN WITH REGARD TO THE RELATIONSHIPS  
OF NEAR NEIGHBORS TO THE PRESENT REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA  
IS CLEARLY A CHANGEOVER TO MAJORITY RULE IN THAT COUNTRY --  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WITH A MINIMUM OF VIOLENCE AND  
HUMAN SUFFERING. THE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT  
NEGOTIATIONS NOW GOING ON TO BRING ABOUT JUST SUCH AN  
OBJECTIVE HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED KINGDOM  
AND LED BY OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE, AMBASSADOR IVOR RICHARD.  
THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE HOPED FOR OUTCOME OF MAJORITY  
RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA ARE A REAL TEST OF THOSE COUNTRIES  
AND PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED AND LIKEWISE IT IS A TEST  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THOSE OF US HERE IN THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OF ITS COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE EFFORTS THEY ARE UNDERTAKING TO BRING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. WE BELIVE THIS EFFORT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. ACCORDINGLY, OUR DELEGATION HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW AND SUPPORT THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THE MATTER BEFORE US IN VIEW OF ITS CLOSE REFERENCE TO THOSE EFFORTS.

I DO NOT WISH TO END MY COMMENTS RIGHT THERE, IN THE EVENT OF ANY MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT OUR CONCERN FOR THE ISSUE BEFORE US. I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE PRESENTATION YESTERDAY OF THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF BOTSWANA, HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHIBALD MOGWE, BOTH BY HIS EXPOSITION OF THE ISSUE AND THE FACTS AND ESPECIALLY BY HIS CONSIDERED OBJECTIVITY. BOTH MY GOVERNMENT, AND I PERSONALLY, FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT BOTSWANA AND ITS CONCERNS ARE CONCERNS OF OURS. THE UNITED UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES HAS IN THE PAST PROVIDED DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE. OUR GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF BOTSWANA AND WORK FOR THE KIND OF PEACEFUL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH WILL TRULY ASSURE THE INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF BOTSWANA.

IN JUNE OF THIS PAST YEAR, I HAD THE HIGH PRIVILEGE OF VISITING GABARONE AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KHAMA AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FACING HIS COUNTRY AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. TO SAY THAT I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH HIS DEDICATION TO FINDING SOLUTIONS TO BOTSWANA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND TO THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING SOUTHERN AFRICA IS TO PUT IT VERY MILDLY, INDEED. IN MY JUDGMENT HE IS AN OUTSTANDING LEADER, A MAN OF HIGH PRINCIPLE AND DEEP CONVICTION, WHO HAS WORKED UNTIRINGLY FOR A PEACEFUL, MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY IN HIS COUNTRY WITH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT.

THOUGH OF SIZEABLE TERRITORY, BOTSWANA IS SMALL IN POPULATION -- BUT LIKE MANY SMALL COUNTRIES WITH IMPRESSIVE LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED PEOPLE IT IS VERY MEANINGFUL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND INDEED THE WORLD. I LOOK FOR THE DAY SOON WHEN THE BRINGING ABOUT OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA WILL TERMINATE THE CONSTANT AFFLICTIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES, AND I REITERATE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S DEDICATION TO THAT OBJECTIVE.

LAST, BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST, I WISH TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THE KIND WORDS DIRECTED TO ME BY SPEAKERS DURING THE CURRENT DEBATE. I LEAVE THIS BODY IN A FEW DAYS AND IN DOING SO I HAVE A VERY WARM FEELING FOR IT, FOR ALL OF YOU, AND FOR THE

UNITED NATIONS.

END TEXT. UNQUOTE.

SCRANTON.

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